

December 13 DOD officials say if there was ever any doubt about Osama bin Laden's complicity in the attacks of Sept. 11, he removed them in a videotape found in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. The tape, which shows the al Qaeda leader calmly discussing the attacks, was probably shot in mid-November.

Jim Garamone



December 16 Secretary Rumsfeld meets with logistic-support soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division and Air Force personnel who are manning the "bare bones" Bagram Air Base. He also meets with Hamid Karzai, the Afghan leader who will be the interim prime minister of the country, and Fahim Kahn, who will be the defense minister in the new government.

December 15 Afghan opposition forces advance two kilometers into the forbidding terrain of the Tora Bora cave and tunnel complex south of Jalalabad. Fifty al Qaeda fighters have surrendered to opposition forces. U.S. aircraft have dropped more than 180 bombs on targets in the valley. Special-operations troops and opposition soldiers return to tunnels and caves bypassed in the advance, and check them for hidden al Qaeda members and important documents.

December 16 Afghan commanders claim to control all caves in Tora Bora, but believe that Osama bin Laden and some al Qaeda fighters may have fled to Pakistan.

December 14 U.S. Marines enter Kandahar airport in Afghanistan.

December 17 SPC Brian Puckett, a rigger with the 421st Quartermaster Company from Fort Valley, Ga., puts the finishing touches on a G-12 cargo parachute destined to drop humanitarian aid in Afghanistan. Soldiers in Germany processed and prepared humanitarian aid drops from wheat to blankets.



December 19 DOD launches "United in Memory," a special password-protected Web site for families of the people killed or wounded in the Pentagon attack.

December 23 Sailors and marines assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard USS *Bataan* enjoy performances by 2000 Country Music Entertainer of the Year Neal McCoy, Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, Wayne Newton, and comedian and actor Drew Carey.



Linda D. Kozaryn

December 21 The Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay pauses at the Pentagon and, before the torchbearer continues the relay, the torch is passed to 13 people whose lives were directly affected by the attack on the Pentagon.



December 21 Singer Chris Isaak sings a ballad to a sailor at a forward operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as part of a USO tour headlining Jay Leno from NBC's Tonight Show.

December 23 Army civil-affairs teams begin working with international and nongovernmental organizations to increase humanitarian assistance to war-torn Afghanistan.

December 23 The Army and Air Force Exchange Service sets up tactical field exchanges in Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan and Uzbekistan to support troops in Operation Enduring Freedom.

December 23 The American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services deploys two mobile services staff members to Uzbekistan to support U.S. troops deployed in the area.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Nixon, USAF

December 23 Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visits an undisclosed installation in Southern Asia where soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are supporting operations in Afghanistan.

December 23 10th Mtn. Div. soldiers provide force protection at a former Soviet base outside Kabul, Afghanistan.

PHC Johnny Biveig, USN



December 23 Army explosive ordnance disposal teams clear the Mazar-e-Sharif airfield and surrounding area of mines to allow military personnel and aircraft to use the airfield.

January 2002



SSG Alberto Betancourt

December 27 Secretary Rumsfeld announces that the U.S. military will transport some al Qaeda and Taliban detainees to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

January 2 The “stop-loss” program, implemented in November, is expanded to include Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers. Stop-loss now includes the fields of civil affairs, psychological operations and mortuary affairs, plus those in the special-operations and aviation fields.



Lance Cpl. Nathan E. Eason, USMC

December 29 Marines continue to man the perimeter of Afghanistan's Kandahar International Airport.



January 3 AC-130 gunships, B-52 and B-1 bombers, and F-18 fighters begin two days of attacks against a suspected al Qaeda regrouping point — the Zawar Kili compound southwest of Khost.

January 2 Afghan officials confirm that the Taliban's chief intelligence official — one of the Taliban leaders the United States was pursuing — was killed in a U.S. airstrike a week earlier.

January 6 U.S. aircraft strike “approximately” four targets in Afghanistan. One of the strikes is against the al Qaeda staging point at Zawar Kili. U.S. aircraft hit the terrorist training camp and headquarters complex for the third time in a week. In addition, U.S. military forces enter and begin searching the Zawar Kili complex.

January 2 U.S. forces in Afghanistan have 180 Taliban and al Qaeda fighters in custody.

January 8 A field hospital built by 10th Mtn. Div. soldiers, other U.S. organizations and Jordanian special forces troops opens to treat Afghan civilians in Mazar-e-Sharif.



PH1 Shane T. McCoy, USN

January 12 The sun sets on Camp X-ray's first day as an active compound. The camp is the holding facility for Taliban and al Qaeda detainees held at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Capt. Charles Grow, USMC

January 10 The Turkish government announces that by the end of January it will send troops to join the American, British, Australian, New Zealand and French forces already in Afghanistan.

January 12 U.S. Marines from Battalion Landing Team 3/6 move toward their fighting holes just off the runway at Afghanistan's Kandahar International Airport. The marines began occupying the airport Dec. 14.



January 12 Peter Verga, deputy undersecretary of defense for policy support, is named special assistant to the secretary of defense for homeland security. Verga directs the Defense Homeland Security Task Force.



January 15 Pentagon officials receive 1,000 origami cranes from a Japanese couple who spent nearly three months hand-folding their gesture of sympathy and prayer for the families and victims of the Pentagon attack.

January 15 Army Chief of Staff GEN Eric K. Shinseki awards 12 Bronze Star medals and 15 Purple Hearts to 19 special forces soldiers wounded in combat in Afghanistan.



January Norway's demining team begins clearing mines inside the Kandahar airport's perimeter, which is occupied by elements of the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky. According to the U.N. Mine Action Program for Afghanistan, landmines and unexploded ordnance contaminate some 724 million square meters of land. Officials estimate that more than 10 million mines are scattered throughout the country.



January 15 Eighth-grader Lasidi Helmick of Mooresfield, W.Va., who suggested donating money to rebuild the Pentagon, delivers \$10,187 to Secretary Rumsfeld. The money is the first donation made under the "Show Pride in Your Military Act" — the recently passed legislation that resulted from Helmick's suggestion.



January 16 U.S. forces deploy to the Philippines to help train Philippine soldiers dealing with terrorist organizations in that country, and to help them with logistics, intelligence and communications.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Verhegyi, USAF

Since Sept. 11, letters, banners, and various other items of encouragement from all over the world have poured into the Pentagon and are put on display.

January 18 Richard Reid, the alleged "shoe bomber," is indicted in Boston on nine terrorism-related charges, including attempted murder and attempted destruction of an aircraft.

January 23 John Walker Lindh, the American accused of fighting for the Taliban, arrives in Washington, D.C., and is held at a detention facility in northern Virginia.



January 17 International Red Cross Officials make their first visit to detainees at Camp X-ray at Guantanamo Bay.

January 23 Citing logistical and space concerns, the United States halts the transport of detained Afghan fighters to Guantanamo Bay. There are presently 128 detainees in Camp X-ray and an additional 270 still being held in Afghanistan.



January 24 U.S. forces raid two Taliban leadership compounds north of Kandahar, Afghanistan. They detain 27 individuals in the raid and kill a number of enemy troops.

January 25 U.S. commanders in Afghanistan use an AC-130 gunship strike to destroy a "very large cache" of arms and ammunition discovered Jan. 24 at Hazar Qadam, the site of the U.S. raid on two Taliban compounds.

January 29 Soldiers from the 101st Abn. Div. at Fort Campbell, Ky., replace marines in Kandahar. The soldiers' missions include maintaining a presence, operating the airfield, coordinating with the Afghan interim government, serving as a liaison with humanitarian organizations and running the detention facilities.

January 29 Bagram Airfield's population grows daily, and engineers from the coalition forces help to accommodate service members by repairing roads and improving living accommodations.

January 27 Anti-Taliban Afghan forces, supported by U.S. special forces soldiers, kill six al Qaeda members who had seized a wing of a Kandahar hospital.

January 29 Three soldiers who fought in Afghanistan, the widow of another, and a soldier who helped with the Pentagon search and rescue attend President Bush's State of the Union address.

January 29 The U.S. Army Materiel Command sends a Force Provider base camp to Afghanistan. Soldiers from active-duty and reserve-component units in Europe and the United States move more than 450 containers from storage sites in Luxembourg and the United States. The containers hold tents, power generators, water-storage and distribution equipment, and mobile kitchens large enough to feed three hot meals to more than 1,600 people every day.

January 29 Soldiers in Afghanistan and surrounding areas who receive imminent-danger pay or hostile-fire pay become eligible for the combat zone tax exclusion.



Sgt. Joshua S. Higgins, USMC

January 29 A 1,000-member task force that includes military police from Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Roosevelt Roads, P.R.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Norfolk, Va.; Dover Air Force Base, Del.; and Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., arrives at Guantanamo Bay to augment Marine guards who have been on duty at the detention facility since Jan. 11.



Rudi Williams

January 29 Repair of the Pentagon is ahead of schedule, and at the end of January more than 1,000 personnel return to offices in the building.

January 31 Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl is kidnapped by members of the "National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty" in Pakistan.

February 2002

February 4 Stop-loss expands to cover 38 military occupational specialties.

J01 Preston Keres, USN



February 9 The Olympic Games open in Salt Lake City, Utah. Approximately 10,000 security personnel — including FBI agents, National Guard soldiers and state law-enforcement officials — are on hand.

February 4 President Bush unveils his \$2.1 trillion budget proposal for fiscal year 2003. The budget proposes to increase defense spending by \$48 billion. It would also double spending for homeland security, allotting \$38 billion for increased border security and financial support to law-enforcement agencies.

February 6 The Pentagon reopens for tours by schoolchildren.

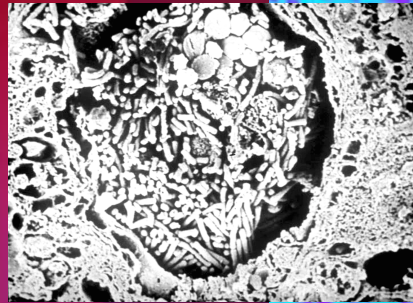


PH1 Ted Banks, USN

February 4 The American Forces Network brings the Super Bowl game live to troops at base camps in Afghanistan.

February 7 President Bush vows to follow through on a promise to provide New York City with an additional \$20 billion in aid to recover from the Sept. 11 attacks. The amount is separate from funds set aside to assist families of the victims of the terrorist attacks.

February 25 Twelve members of the 44th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team receive commendations from the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management for their efforts to avert the spread of anthrax during the October outbreak in South Florida.



February 22 A U.S. Army special-operations helicopter supporting anti-terrorism operations in the southern Philippines crashes into the sea, killing 10 people. They are the first U.S. military casualties in the extended war against terrorism in Southeast Asia.

February 27 U.S. military officials announce that as many as 200 troops may be deployed to the Republic of Georgia to train that nation's military to use U.S.-supplied gear to eradicate suspected terrorists massed along the nation's border with Russia. Ten UH-1H helicopters are sent to the country to transport military equipment and troops.

February 19 More than 150 staff members at the Pentagon's DiLorenzo Health Clinic receive awards ranging from the Soldier's Medal to certificates of appreciation for their actions on Sept. 11.

February 25 The Pentagon Victim's Fund, administered by Army Emergency Relief, reports donations of \$4.4 million.



March 2002

March 2 The U.S. launches Operation Anaconda in the Shah-i-Khot valley south of Kabul, employing air and ground elements of the 10th Mtn. Div. and 101st Abn. Div.; special-operations troops from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, France and Norway; and Afghan units.

March 4 Seven Americans — a Navy SEAL and six soldiers — die in Operation Anaconda after their helicopter is hit by enemy fire and crash lands.

March 6 Pentagon officials honor 39 employees of the Real Estate and Facilities Directorate with the Medal of Valor for their lifesaving and firefighting actions on Sept. 11.



SSG Michael Raulio



March 11 Army Secretary White, GEN Shinseki and SMA Jack Tilley present Purple Hearts to 17 soldiers wounded in Afghanistan and now receiving medical care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

March 11 Thirteen special-operations soldiers are among those honored by President Bush in a ceremony marking the six-month anniversary of the attack on America.

March 12 Six months after being burned over more than 60 percent of his body in the Pentagon attack, LTC Brian Birdwell returns to work. Facing more surgeries, wearing compression garments to lessen scarring around his many skin grafts and continuing grueling physical therapy sessions three days a week, the 40-year-old quartermaster officer will initially work two half-days a week.

March 13 U.S.-led forces secure Afghanistan's Shah-i-Khot mountains after 11 days of intense combat.

March 12 President Bush announces the Homeland Security Advisory System to provide a comprehensive and effective means to disseminate information regarding the risk of terrorist attacks to federal, state and local authorities, and to the American people.



SPC Heather Hilton

March 11 The Korea-based 2nd Infantry Division dedicates the LTG Timothy J. Maude Soldier Support Center in tribute to the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, who was killed at the Pentagon on Sept. 11. On April 30 U.S. Army, Europe, dedicates a building on Campbell Barracks as the LTG Timothy J. Maude Center for Human Resources. Maude was a former USAREUR deputy chief of staff for personnel and installation management.



SPC Elizabeth Casebeer



March 19 Soldiers returning to Kandahar Airport from combat in the mountains of Afghanistan receive hot meals and are entertained by a USO concert featuring the rock alternative band "Mink."

March 19 A small number of U.S. troops at the airfield at Khost engage enemy fighters after being attacked with small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar fire. An AC-130 gunship is also used to oppose the attackers.

March 14 With the fighting around Gardez dying down, Operation Anaconda enters the "exploitation phase." Roughly 1,000 U.S., Afghan and Canadian troops enter al Qaeda and Taliban caves in the Anaconda area of operations. DOD officials say the troops are finding ammunition, weapons and intelligence information.

SPC Andres J. Rodriguez



March Operation Anaconda officially ends but U.S. forces remain in the operational area looking for any remaining Taliban and al Qaeda fighters.



SGT David Marck, Jr.

March 21 The Pentagon repair effort, now called the "Phoenix Project," is six weeks ahead of schedule.



MSC Bob Haskell

March 25 Some 1,500 National Guard troops begin assisting U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and U.S. Customs Service officials in eight states along the Canadian border and in the four states along the Mexican border.

March 25 U.S., Afghan and coalition troops destroy a pocket of Taliban and al Qaeda forces near Gardez. In the past six months, coalition aircraft have flown 36,564 sorties and dropped 21,737 bombs and other types of ordnance during the campaign in Afghanistan.



The photographs in the September 11 Photo Project awe 11-year-old sixth-graders Aena Watts and Noel Cawthorne of Washington. The Exhibit was at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., March 1 to April 7.

March 25 Secretary Rumsfeld says plans are under way for U.S. and coalition forces to train an Afghan national army.

March 25 A severe earthquake strikes Afghanistan's Baghlan province, killing some 1,000 people and leaving 30,000 homeless. U.S. and coalition forces in the country rush to bring in relief supplies.

April 2 Secretary Rumsfeld announces that senior al Qaeda leader Abu Zubaydah has been captured by the Pakistanis and turned over to U.S. officials for questioning.

April 10 On the six-month anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks, two great beams of light rise from a site just north of Ground Zero into the night sky to honor those lost on September 11th and to celebrate the spirit of all New Yorkers who worked to rebuild and renew the city. Tribute in Light shines each night through April 13th, from dusk until 11 p.m.



April 22 Federal authorities arrest hundreds of workers at Washington area airports on charges ranging from lying about criminal backgrounds to being in the country illegally. Many had access to high-security areas of airports. "Operation Tarmac" spreads to 15 airports nationwide and yields some 450 arrests.

April 30 U.S. and Canadian troops at Bagram Air Base walk past a memorial sign dedicated to SPC Jason A. Disney, who was killed in an industrial accident. A main supply route was renamed "Disney Drive," and dedicated in honor of the fallen soldier.



SPC Christopher Stanis

April 28 The Pentagon confirms reports that U.S. troops are helping Pakistani troops track down Taliban and al Qaeda suspects who have crossed the border from Afghanistan into Pakistan.

April 30 About 400 soldiers return from Afghanistan to their homes at Fort Drum, N.Y., and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

April 30 U.S. and other coalition troops continue searching for al Qaeda forces in eastern Afghanistan in Operation Mountain Lion.

April 20 U.S. military engineers arrive in the Philippines to begin building roads, airfields and ports to be used in the war against the nation's Islamic extremists.



PH2 Andrew Meyers, USN

May 2002

May 1 All service members, including Coast Guard members, who were on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, become eligible to wear the National Defense Service Medal.



May 9 DOD announces the establishment of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, to provide greater security and an improved response capability at the Pentagon and in the national capital region.

May 1 U.S. troops begin arriving in the former Soviet republic of Georgia to begin training local forces in antiterrorism tactics. The operation is similar to the training program under way in the Philippines.

May 4 The America's Heroes Memorial opens next to the Pentagon chapel. The memorial is intended as a place of comfort and solace, and features a stained-glass window made by Army chaplains and their staffs.



May 10 Attorney General Ashcroft announces the Immigration and Naturalization Service's new Internet-based student visa system, which will allow schools to submit information regarding foreign students' attendance records via the Web.



SPC George Allen

May 23 Four soldiers who represented the Army in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games visit troops at Kandahar Airfield.

May 14 U.S. special operations forces kill five suspected Taliban or al Qaeda terrorists and capture 32 others during a raid on a compound 50 miles north of Kandahar.



May 30 Port Authority law enforcement escorts a flatbed truck carrying the last steel beam from Ground Zero during a ceremony marking the end of recovery efforts at the World Trade Center disaster site in New York.

May 17 British forces launch Operation Condor to support an Australian Special Air Service patrol engaged in combat with al Qaeda and Taliban forces in the mountains of southeastern Afghanistan.



May 30 LTG Daniel K. McNeill assumes command of JTF-Afghanistan.

June 2002

Staff Sgt. James J. Connolly Jr., USMC



May 30 Secretary Rumsfeld meets with U.S. troops and Afghan leaders during a five-day trip to central Asia.

SGT Keith D. McGrew



May 30 U.S. and coalition units in Afghanistan continue searching along the border with Pakistan for al Qaeda and former Taliban forces.

May 30 The Afghan National Army's first regular battalion develops a unit patch that underscores the latest chapter in Afghanistan's military history.



May 31 Attorney General Ashcroft grants the FBI more freedom to initiate counterterrorism investigations.

June 6 President Bush proposes the creation of a Department of Homeland Security, which will be second in size only to DOD.

June 10 Attorney General Ashcroft announces the arrest of an American, Jose Padilla (also known as Abdullah Al Muhajir), who plotted with al Qaeda to explode a radioactive "dirty" bomb in an American city.

June 11 Afghanistan's grand council convenes in Kabul to choose a new government to succeed the interim government.

June 13 U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema allows terrorist suspect Zacarias Moussaoui to defend himself in his conspiracy trial.

June 11 Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz watches Pentagon renovation program manager Walker Lee Evey place a 7 x 9-inch time capsule into its niche inside the Pentagon's reconstructed west wall.



SFC Tom Roberts

June 8 Workers near Ground Zero find the remains of a dozen people in damaged buildings around the World Trade Center site.



Gerry J. Gilmore



June 18 U.S. special-operations forces come under small-arms fire in two incidents in Afghanistan. In the first incident, soldiers on a mounted patrol are attacked in Oruzgan Province. The U.S. service members return fire and kill two ambushers. The second incident occurs in Paktika Province, on the Afghan border with Pakistan. Enemy forces in a group of buildings open fire on U.S. special-operations soldiers and their Afghan allies. An AC-130 gunship fires on the buildings with 105mm and 40mm weapons. There are no U.S. casualties.

June 19 Media sources report that U.S. intelligence agencies intercepted conversations in Arabic on Sept. 10 that included the phrase "the match begins tomorrow."



June 14

Hamid Karzai is overwhelmingly elected as president of the Afghan Transitional Authority.

SSG Alberto Betancourt



June 18 The number of detainees being held at Camp Delta at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, reaches 564. The facility can hold 612.

June 23-24

U.S. forces come under fire near Khost and northeast of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, during Operation Mountain Lion.



SGT Sean A. Terry

June 26 U.S. and coalition forces continuing Operation Mountain Lion patrols in Afghanistan capture “hundreds of thousands” of munitions.



SPC Jason Baker

June 27 Soldiers from the 3rd Bn., 505th Inf., assemble on the runway at Kandahar Airfield after disembarking from a C-17. Their's is the first 82nd Abn. Div. battalion to arrive in Afghanistan as the division takes over operations from the 101st Abn. Div.



Linda D. Kozaryn

June 26 U.S. House of Representatives members sign a “thank you” card addressed to America’s soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guard members. It consists of 15 large poster boards with signature lines for each member of the House.

July 1 News organizations report that more than 40 civilians are killed and hundreds are injured during a bombing raid conducted by U.S. aircraft in central Afghanistan.

July 15 As part of his plea bargain, American Taliban member John Walker Lindh agrees to cooperate with U.S. military officials to combat al Qaeda terrorists. Lindh, 21, could serve up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to aiding the Taliban and possessing explosives in the commission of a crime.

Tina Hager



July 19 President Bush speaks to the troops and families of the 10th Mountain Division and other members of the Fort Drum community at Fort Drum, New York, following the soldiers' return from Afghanistan.

SSG William Greer, USAF



July 16 Host country nationals put on a multicultural heritage event to entertain local and United States armed forces personnel at a forward deployed location. The performances included singing, dancing, and comical skits.

July 15 The Defense Department honors two private citizens, Steve A. DeChiaro and Eric M. Jones, with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal of Valor for their bravery during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

July 17 The House report, "Counterterrorism Intelligence Capabilities and Performance Prior to September 11," highlights critical failures of U.S. intelligence-gathering agencies to share information and utilize new technologies.

July 23 The first battalion of the Afghan National Army graduates from training at the Afghan Military Academy. U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers helped train and equip the new Afghan National Army.



SGT Kevin P. Bell



SPC Patrick Tharpe

July 20 A local resident in Kophisophi, Afghanistan carries a box filled with clothing and books that were donated by the Girl Scouts of America and delivered by U.S. armed forces as part of a humanitarian/medical assistance mission.



SGT Todd M. Roy

July 24 101st Airborne Division soldiers remove mortar rounds from a storage shed. The rounds were part of a weapons cache found during a search and attack mission in the Narizah area of Afghanistan.

July 24 In the wake of recent assassinations of key elected officials in Afghanistan, American troops begin providing temporary security for Afghan president Hamid Karzai.



SPC Eric E. Hughes

July 2002 Bagram Bridge is an Overseas Humanitarian Disaster and Civil Assistance project under construction since March 2002. The building of the bridge was handled by local Afghan contract workers with their own equipment and manpower. The \$200,000 project is under the Joint Coalition Civil Military Operation Taskforce and is set for completion in July 2002.

July 25 Responding to the Pentagon Memorial Design Competition, artists, architects, sculptors and students from 43 states, a dozen academic institutions and 24 countries have indicated their interest in designing the memorial for victims of the Sept. 11 attack.

July 26 During a White House speech, President Bush, in defending creation of a cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security that would unite some 100 government entities, says, "America needs a group of dedicated professionals who wake up each morning with the overriding duty of protecting the American people."

August 2002

MSG Brian J. Brownsberger, USAF



July 24 Georgian soldiers receive haircuts in preparation for the selection process of Phase III (tactical training) of the Georgia Train & Equip Program. Special Operations Command, Europe, conducted bilateral training to enhance Georgia's ability to respond to terrorist threats.

Jim Garamone



July 29 Less than a year after a hijacked airliner crashed into the Pentagon, the first tenants of the destroyed area will move back in. Workers ready communications, electric and air conditioning lines as the final push continues to get Pentagon personnel back into the newly restored area of the building.



SPC Erica Leigh Foley

August 5 Soldiers maneuver a robot used for clearing caves in Afghanistan. The newest tool applied to the problem of exploring the former Taliban strongholds enhances soldiers' abilities to find and clear obstacles while reducing personal risk.

August 1 U.S. Army Civil Affairs Team continues to provide humanitarian support to Afghanistan's Rosantun Orphanage. On a weekly basis, the soldiers distribute food, school supplies, medicine and toys.

The Campaign Continues...

- Approximately 56,000 active-duty, National Guard and Reserve soldiers are currently deployed in some 70 countries worldwide in direct support of the war on terrorism.
- U.S. Army Forces Command is providing more than 5,000 National Guard and Reserve military police and infantrymen for various critical force-protection missions throughout the continental United States. An additional 2,000 Guard soldiers protect vital facilities in U.S. Army, Europe, as part of Task Force Santa Fe and Task Force Keystone.
- Current mobilization for all Operation Enduring Freedom missions exceeds 14,000 National Guard and Reserve soldiers.
- U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has mobilized 8,701 soldiers, of whom 5,316 are deployed in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.
- According to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, more than 1.3 million Afghans have voluntarily repatriated back to their country.
- Locals from Afghanistan's village of Jaghatoo handed over their weapons in a sign of peace and support for President Hamid Karzai's transitional government. Earlier this year, the village was the site of deadly fighting between villagers and the army of the central government.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is holding a competition for the design of the Pentagon Memorial to honor those who died.

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